

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Aaron Deditch on 06/04/10.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

- A) Claims 31-41 have been cancelled.
- B) In claim 50, lines 1-2, the phrase "one of a constant and" has been replaced by -- a --.
- C) In claim 54-line 2, after "one of", the phrase "the pulsing" has been changed to -- a pulsing --.
- D) Claim 74 has been cancelled.
- E) New claim 75 has been added to read:  
-- 75. The method according to claim 42, wherein a constant radio-frequency power is applied to the substrate via a substrate voltage generator. --.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Luz L. Alejandro whose telephone number is 571-272-1430. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 7:30 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Parviz Hassanzadeh can be reached on 571-272-1435. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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